



**GRADUATES**—Pfc. Bill Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Garner, 803 Amapala, has left for his new station at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, after a 10-day furlough spent with his parents in Torrance. He recently was graduated from Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas.

### Junior Stamp Club Formed in Torrance

A Junior Stamp Collectors Club was organized under the auspices of the YMCA Friday night at the Torrance Library. R. L. Plomert Jr. gave a talk on the techniques and care in handling stamps for a collection. Bryan Johnson, also an adult stamp collector, gave a talk on stamp collecting and answered questions pertaining to stamp collecting in general. Boys present at the meeting were Richard Freeman, Bill Whittington, Gerry Jacobs, Kenny May, Edward Hutchison, Fred Albersson, Donald Hall, Dorsey B. Gruver, Freddy Diesel, Tom Schooley, Chas. Johnson, James Thompson, Byron Johnson Jr., Jimmy Herbinson, John Sherety and Karl Irwin. Next meeting of the club was called for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21 at the library. All stamp collectors are invited.

### Board Reveals Status of Six School Sites

The problem of what to do to provide additional facilities for the Fern Avenue Elementary School now is being given serious consideration by the Torrance Board of Education and is covered in a report on the progress of site acquisitions released this week.

Fern Avenue Park, located diagonally across the street from the present Fern school property, belongs to the Torrance School District. Since drainage waters converge upon the lowest portion of it, its use for school purposes might, of necessity have to include plans for an expensive drainage system.

However, a spot map of the pupil population showing where each pupil lives now is being prepared, it was learned, and the facts developed from this map will enable the board to determine what to do for needed expansion of the Fern school, Supt. J. H. Hull said.

Following is the report which was placed in the hands of members of the Board of Education by school administrators.

**Seaside Ranchos:** This is now in possession of the Board of Education, and the architects are working on a plot plan. The problem is to arrange the plan in such a way that the least amount of dirt has to be moved and will include the established principles the Board has developed for educational planning and organization.

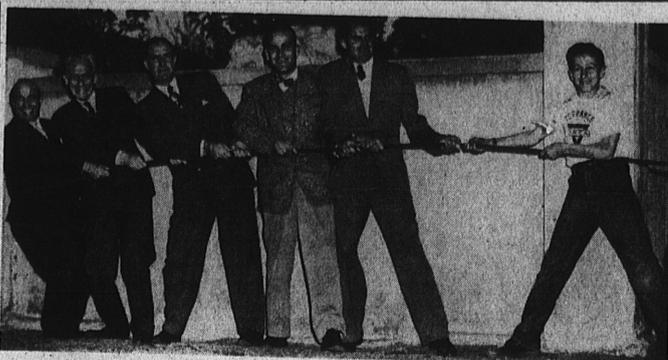
**North Torrance:** Something should develop soon, either a settlement of a court case which will give title to the school district. Plans of a preliminary nature have been developed and approved by the board. Details will have to wait until the property can be entered and surveyed.

**Walteria site:** Architects are at work appraising the land and a report to the board will be made soon so that the next step can be determined.

**Hollywood Riviera:** Local proceedings are under way with a complicated estate situation and appraisals have been appointed to determine value of the property.

**Fern Avenue Park:** This site across from Fern Avenue School belongs to the school district. A spot map of pupil population showing where each pupil lives is being prepared. Upon the basis of the facts developed from this map of the district, the board will determine what to do for needed additional facilities for the Fern Avenue school site.

The board is studying the problem of proper development of the Perry School plant, and has authorized the architects to prepare a plot plan.



**FIVE NOT ENOUGH**—These committee chairmen vow they will accomplish more in the YMCA Current Support Campaign than they did in this lopsided tug-of-war against Robbin Boss of the Green Streets Gra-Y Club. Robbin knew he had his fustle won when he anchored his end of the rope to a power pole. The five committee men hope to anchor their efforts with community support to keep more than 900 Torrance Youth's interested in the mind and body building program of the YMCA for another year. Left to right the committee chairmen are: Bob Plomert, Al Jackson, W. T. Tillotson, Herb Cohn, and Stan Briggs. (Herald Photo).

### Four Speakers on Management Club Program

The Torrance Industrial Management Club will have four of the leading industrialists of Los Angeles at its Jan. 24 meeting to hold a panel discussion on "Management Views the Future of Industrial Relations."

Moderator of the discussion will be Charles A. McKeand, director of industrial relations for the Merchants and Manufacturers Association.

Speakers will be: Philo K. Holland, manager, Los Angeles Division, Zellerbach Paper Company. He also is a member of the board of directors of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the chamber's manufacturing and industries committee, and member of the state advisory council on employment service.

Carlton B. Tibbets, president Los Angeles Steel Casting Company; past president Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the chamber's industrial mobilization committee; member of manufacturing and industries committee, L. A. Chamber of Commerce; member of industrial development committee, L. A. Chamber of Commerce; and member of Board of Metal Trades.

Max A. Koffman, secretary and treasurer, Southwestern Portland Cement Company; past chairman, manufacturing and industries committee, L. A. Chamber of Commerce; chairman, education-industries committee, L. A. Chamber of Commerce; chairman, industrial security section, L. A. Chamber of Commerce; and member, Merchants and Manufacturers Association.

### CYO Displays Arts, Crafts in Hobby Shop

Now on display at the Torrance Hobby Shop is an arts and crafts exhibit which is one of the many activities carried on by Pueblo Center of the Catholic Youth Organization.

All articles shown were made by the children who are members of the various group services by this agency and who have taken a keen interest in the classes especially designed to foster and develop their artistic ability.

Boys, girls and adults take an interest in the four-point program especially set up to meet the recreational needs of members of this center which is sponsored by the Community Chest.

In its well-rounded character-building efforts, this Community Chest's other activities include a well-rounded and well-participated-in athletic, religious and cultural program including costuming, folk-lore, regional songs and dances.

The doors of the center are open to all who wish to participate in the various phases of its leisure-time activities.

### Dedication of Baptist Church Set

Preliminary arrangements for dedication of the new Torrance Baptist church were being made this week by the pastor, the Rev. C. Miles Northrup.

Dedication week will open next Sunday, when visiting church officials will be present. Installation of the large pipe organ was being completed this week.

Complete details of the program will be announced next Thursday.

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

Readers are invited to join in the discussion of current matters of interest to the community through this column. Letters should not exceed 100 words in length and should be signed, although the writer's name will be withheld upon request. Discussion of religious subjects should be avoided.

January 11, 1949

**Editor**  
Torrance Herald  
I wish to call your attention to the following paragraph in an article published in the Torrance Herald Jan. 6, 1949, entitled "City Manager Status Near."

"The financial structure of the city has improved immeasurably under Stevens' guidance. For the first time in the memory of old-time residents sufficient funds have been available so that it was not necessary to borrow money by issuing warrants during the customary lean period from August to December."

New sources of revenue have been added such as renegotiating the Southern California Edison Company franchise, which effected an increase of over \$10,000 per year to the city. At the same time the municipal tax rate was lowered."

I wish to state that it has been, and still is, the custom of many cities to register warrants during the so-called lean period of receipt of taxes, rather than to set up an additional tax rate to take care of this period.

The renegotiation of the Southern California Edison Company franchise was done by City Attorney Smith on the recommendation of the Southern California Edison Company.

The increased valuation, sales tax, licenses, building permits, etc. have proved a large factor in balancing the budget and supplying a fair surplus, which may be the means of a later further reduction in the tax rate.

Yours very truly,  
A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk  
City of Torrance

**Editor**  
Torrance Herald.

I am writing this in behalf of the Optimist Club of Torrance to express our sincere thanks for the excellent coverage your newspaper gave our Christmas benefit movie we put on for the children of Torrance.

It is gratifying to know that you, and the people of Torrance are interested in our work and, we are very thankful to your newspaper.

Sincerely,  
C. A. WOODCOCK,  
Secretary.

### Thomas Says Tax Increase Unnecessary

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of the 68th District in a letter to the Herald from Sacramento yesterday said that he believed it would not be necessary to increase state taxes to take care of the added cost brought about by Proposition 4.

"Monies in our reserve will amply take care of this," Thomas said. "With the heavy Federal taxes now required, the people cannot afford to support a billion-dollar state budget at this time."

"It will become necessary to streamline our state government. This can be done by preventing waste, eliminating unnecessary departments or consolidating several departments into one."

"It is the Governor's contention that our first obligation is to make provision for the care of our State universities, institutions and building new highways. This is unsound thinking."

"Our first obligation is to the welfare of the people of this state."

"When Proposition No. 4 was adopted by the people on the last ballot, that was a mandate to the Legislature to carry out the purposes and provisions of the initiative. Therefore, since we have sufficient amount of monies in the reserve funds to take care of the needs of the aged and blind people, it is not necessary to raise more revenue by increasing taxes."

"In conclusion, the Governor, the State Legislature and all of us must remember that human rights should be placed above property rights."

### Tom McGuire's to Montebello

Mr. and Mrs. Tom F. McGuire, of 1411 Beech ave., Torrance residents for 25 years, left this week for Montebello, where for the past year Mr. McGuire has been serving as city administrator. They will reside at 357 Via Miramonte.

McGuire, formerly with National Supply Company here, was mayor of Torrance for four years and previously served four years as city councilman. He also was chairman of the City Planning Commission from 1933 to 1947.

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